Renewal of tracks

†1194. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details with regard to renewal of rail tracks proposed in the year 2003-2004;

(b) whether Government have made any action plan jointly with State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) 3850 km of track renewals have been planned in the year 2003-2004.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Linking of Pondicherry and Bangalore

1195. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have already ordered survey for linking Pondicherry and Bangalore through railway line; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the survey and by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Pondicherry and Bangalore are already connected by Railway line.

(b) Does not arise.

Rail line from Gandhinagar to Moti-Adaraj

1196. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways has agreed to connect Gandhinagar with the Ahmedabad-Delhi Gauge line;

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